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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

GOV'T SEEKS APPEAL OF INDIAN TRUST CASE

Helena IR

WASHINGTON — The government has requested an appeal of a judge's ruling to award American Indian plaintiffs \$455 million in a 12-year-old trust case.

U.S., CANADA TRAINING SIMULATES DIRTY-BOMB SCENARIO

Helena IR

SWEETGRASS — A simulated attempt to smuggle a dirty bomb into the United States using the railroad drew a massive cross-border response here Thursday, testing the ability of state, federal and provincial agencies to react to an act of terrorism.

\$16M AWARDED TO TRIBAL YOUTH SUICIDE AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Indian Country Today

ROCKVILLE, Md. — If there is any doubt that historical trauma aided and abetted by intransigent poverty reverberates through the years to destroy hope, consider the numbers of Native youth who try or succeed in ending their own lives.

ANSWERS SOUGHT ON INDIAN COUNTRY CRIME

Great Falls Tribune

WASHINGTON — U.S. attorneys failed to prosecute 62 percent of crimes committed in Indian Country over a three-year period, and on Thursday, members of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee wanted to know why.

BLACKFEET PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS CONSTRUCTION SKILLS, IMPROVES HOUSING

Great Falls Tribune



Laura Smith and her grandson Clarence Rider stand outside of the new home they will live in last week in Browning. The home was renovated by the Native Construction Careers Initiative, which provided students a hands-on learning environment in home construction. (TRIBUNE PHOTOS/RION SANDERS)

BROWNING — In a neighborhood of ramshackle yards, peeling paint and boarded-over windows, a demonstration house sparkles.

"It's beautiful," said Robin Bird, while admiring the bright blue siding and the freshly painted white trim around the windows. Sod was laid in the yard last week, and a sprinkler tossed droplets of water out to the thirsty new grass.

The home is the end result of a project that organizers described as a win-win — a coalition of labor unions and employers teaching construction skills to Blackfeet workers who then renovate down-and-out rental housing units.

REHBERG ANNOUNCES \$148,500 TRANSPORTATION GRANT TO CS&KT

Char-Koosta News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Montana's Congressman, Denny Rehberg, announced the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe a Federal Transit Authority grant of \$145,500 to expand their tribal transit services.

MDOT SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Four intersections on U.S. Highway 93 in Lake and Flathead counties
Char-Koosta News

HELENA — The Montana Department of Transportation would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to improve safety and reduce accidents on U.S. Highway 93 in Lake and Flathead counties.

COUNCIL EXTENDS 4/10 WORKWEEK

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — Tribal Council voted last week to continue the 4/10 trial period to with certain conditions. Issues concerning childcare, employee health and tribal health services were addressed with emphasis placed on the original intent of cost savings.

KYRGYZSTAN SOLDIERS VISIT WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL

Char-Koosta News



Members of the Kyrgyzstan military strike up a pose with the Tribal Council during their recent visit to the Flathead Indian Reservation. (B.L. Azure photo)

PABLO — Members of the Kyrgyzstan military stopped by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council chambers last week for an informal visit with the Tribal Council. The group was in western Montana touring the area after coming from Helena where they attended the Sept. 6 retirement ceremony for Major General Randall Mosley, Adjutant General for the State of Montana.

SALISH TRIBAL PILGRIMAGE

by STACEY LISHOK - Ravalli Republic



Members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes join local citizens and volunteers in a memorial prayer behind the historic St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville Sunday afternoon. Tribal members make the pilgrimage to Stevensville every year to honor named and unnamed ancestors buried at the mission.
WILL MOSS - Ravalli Republic

One hundred and 67 years ago, a mission was established on the sacred land of the Bitterroot Salish.

Sunday, members of the Salish tribe returned to St. Mary's Mission for their annual pilgrimage to partake in mass and visit the unmarked graves of their ancestors.

TRIBAL COLLEGES IN MONTANA RECEIVE GRANTS

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - Seven tribal colleges in Montana will share nearly \$1.9 million in federal grants. The schools are among 17 tribal colleges, in eight states, that are covered by grants in a rural development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

'NATIVE AMERICA IN ART' ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

Great Falls Tribune

A new exhibition, "Native America in Art," opened at the C.M. Russell Art Museum on Monday, the first day of Native American Week.

BLACKFEET GAMBLE ON GLACIER PEAKS CASINO BEGINS TO PAY OFF

Great Falls Tribune

BROWNING — Glacier Peaks Casino officials here have reshuffled the deck and as a result say their \$7 million facility has rebounded from a turbulent debut.

GREAT FALLS SCHOOLS OFFER MYRIAD ACTIVITIES DURING AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE WEEK

Great Falls Tribune

Walking to the library, the gym or the cafeteria, Andy McKeever passed by five bright and boldly colored murals several times a day.

"WELLBRIETY" CELEBRATED AT RED ROAD POW WOW

Montana's News Station

September is National Recovery Month and an event in Great Falls hopes to provide a weekend filled with activities to celebrate wellness. The traditional Red Road Pow Wow started this afternoon with a sage smudging.

TURNING EQUITY INTO OPPORTUNITY: MONTANA FUND HELPS NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS ENTER THE FINANCIAL MAINSTREAM

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

A new small business funding program from the State of Montana is designed to address the severe shortage of equity among entrepreneurs in Indian Country.

BOX ELDER, CENTERVILLE YOUTH SHARE HERITAGE

Great Falls Tribune

SAND COULEE — Stevi Henry cross-stepped in the shape of a circle, with the bells fastened to her dress jingling in harmony with a traditional Native American drumbeat.

ASUM SENATE APPROVES \$300K FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER

At an emergency meeting, the ASUM senate approved a university request to take \$300,000 from the academic facilities fund to compensate for an increase in construction costs for the new Native American Center.

NORTHERN CHEYENNE PRIMARY ELECTION SET

Gazette Staff

The Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe will hold a primary election on Sept. 30.

EMPLOYMENT

MHP SEEKS 10 RECRUITS FOR SPRING 2009 TRAINING

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - The Montana Highway Patrol is recruiting up to 10 troopers for training that begins in April 2009.

Applications are due Oct. 10.

Those selected will take a two-part, five-month law enforcement training course.

Troopers work four 10-hour shifts a week, usually driving at least 100 to 200 miles a shift and 40,000 miles a year.

Starting pay for troopers went from \$12.90 an hour, or \$26,800 a year, to \$18.74 an hour, or \$38,979 a year to retain good troopers.

For an application, contact John Spencer at (406) 444-4691 or email jospen@mt.gov.



**Job opportunities at the Montana
Department of Corrections
Come join our team!**

Adult Community Corrections

- [Probation & Parole Student Interns](#)
- [TSCTC Student Intern](#) - Deer Lodge
- [Human Resource Specialist](#)
- [Recruiter](#) - Helena

Montana Correctional Enterprises

- [Production Services Sup/Mgr - Food Bank](#)
- Deer Lodge
- [Food Processing Technician](#) - Deer Lodge

Montana State Prison

- [Correctional Officer](#) - Deer Lodge
- [Nurse, Professional II](#) - Deer Lodge
- [Correctional Food Service Supervisor](#) -
Deer Lodge
- [Clinical Therapist](#) - Deer Lodge
- [Correctional Recreation Specialist](#) - Deer
Lodge
- [Adult Basic Education Teacher](#) - Deer
Lodge
- [Maintenance Supervisor-Electronics](#) -
Deer Lodge
- [Substance Abuse Counselor](#) - Deer Lodge

For more information, contact:

Personnel Bureau

1539 11th Avenue
P.O. Box 201301
Helena, MT, 59620-1301
(406) 444-4934
or e-mail [Career Opportunities](#)



The Montana Department of Transportation is currently hiring for **Temporary Maintenance Technicians** in many locations. These positions plow and sand roadways during snow events and, depending on weather conditions, clean and maintain roadways. If you are looking for temporary employment this winter, consider joining a team dedicated to the safety of the traveling public. For a complete listing of the available areas please visit us at www.mdt.mt.gov.

Other [job opportunities](#) at the Montana Department of Transportation

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

**[HR-TALENT MANAGEMENT
CONSULTANT](#)**

POSITION #61106400, State of Montana, State Human Resources, Helena. Salary \$40,095 to \$50,119 DOQ. Closing date: Monday October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

[COMPUTER PROGRAMMER](#)

#61166750, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,157 to \$50,196 DOQ. Application deadline: Tuesday October 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**[HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST](#)**

#61106108, State of Montana, State Human Resources, Helena. Salary \$40,095 to \$50,119 DOQ. Application deadline: Friday October 3, 2008.

[ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT](#)

#61503914, Teachers' Retirement System, Helena. Salary range \$18,903 to \$23,629 DOQ. Closes: Friday October 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.



**Career Opportunities at the Montana
Department of Public Health &
Human Services**

If you are interested in a rewarding career in public health or human services, we invite you to join our team.

Here is a list of [jobs currently available](#) at DPHHS. To apply, submit a [State of Montana job application](#) to the department in any one of the following ways:

- By e-mail to hhsa@mt.gov;
- By mail to the DPHHS Office of Human Resources, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604;
- By fax to (406) 444-0262; or
- Through a local [Job Service Office](#).

Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on the closing date. Please check this website regularly; new job openings are posted every Wednesday afternoon.

Join our team of almost 3,000 employees working all across Montana!

DPHHS is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a diverse work force. If you need an accommodation in the application process, please contact the Office of Human Resources at (406) 444-3136.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WATERSHED HYDROLOGY

Beginning in August 2009. Open until filled, but review of applications will begin by November 15, 2008; all materials should be filed by that date. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

UNDERGRADUATE SERVICES LIBRARIAN, TENURE TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR #072050

For additional information, qualifications and application instructions, visit www.umt.edu/jobs. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

ST. LABRE INDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS (ASHLAND, MT)

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- PreK-4 Librarian
- K-12 Vocal Music Teacher

For more information, visit our website: <http://www.stlabre.org>

Or contact:

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EVENTS & TRAINING

EARNED INCOME STRATEGIES: From Assessment To Implementation

AN INTENSIVE WORKSHOP FOR
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Michael Whitehead-Bust and Rolfe Larson, will be presenting intensive, three-day workshops on how to generate increased unrestricted and diversified revenue, in a manner that supports your mission and builds capacity by building on your team's existing activities and core competencies.

The deliverables from these practical workshops include training and then completion of a thorough earned income opportunity assessment of your organization, and then preparation of an implementation plan.

Upcoming workshops include:

- * St Louis (Sept 29-Oct 1)
- * Los Angeles (Oct 13-15)
- * Trenton NJ (Oct 27-29)
- * Williamsburg VA (Nov 10-12)
- * Detroit (Dec 1-3)
- * New Orleans (Dec 8-10)

NATIONAL EXTENSION "ENTREPRENEURS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES" WEBINARS

A series of webinars, being sponsored by the eXtension entrepreneurship team, is slated for this fall. Upcoming on October 8, the webinar, "The Nebraska EDGE Program: Highlights from 5 Years of Growing Entrepreneurs," will be hosted by Marilyn Schlake from the Center for Applied Rural Innovation at University of Nebraska. On November 12, Glenn Muske from Oklahoma Cooperative Extension will present "Effective Networking Tips and Techniques for the Business Owner," a webinar focused on building an effective network of helpful individuals who

can help answer questions, solve problems, or expand markets. All webinars are scheduled from 2-3 p.m. EST. For more information about these eXtension-sponsored webinars, visit

www.extension.org/entrepreneurship

The Heartland Center's proven and successful training program, **Helping Small Towns Succeed**, will be offered **October 21-23, 2008** in Billings, Montana. For more information, go to <http://www.heartlandcenter.info/documents/HSTS08flyer6-12.pdf>.

Entrepreneurship: Where Practice and Theory Meet, November 6-7, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. For registration information, go to <http://mcquinn.missouri.edu/2008workshop>.

HomeTown YouthForce: Engaging the Entrepreneurial Generation will be offered **November 18-20, 2008** in Nebraska City, Nebraska. For registration information and to register online, please visit www.heartlandcenter.info.

The following link will also take you the informational brochure and registration forms. <http://heartlandcenter.info/documents/YouthForcebrochure2.pdf>.

SAVE THE DATE! Marketplace for Entrepreneurs will take place **January 13-14, 2009** at the Bismarck Civic Center in Bismarck, ND. Marketplace offers participants a variety of workshops and exhibits relating to starting a business, growing your business, finding funding, career exploration and a contest for inventors. Visit www.MarketplaceForEntrepreneurs.org.

The Little Bighorn College STEM group (*Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics*) would like to gladly welcome everyone to the **6th Annual "Di miia" Career Fair!**

November 6th, 2008
11 am – 2 pm
Student Union Building
Little Bighorn College ~ Crow Agency

This year's events include campus tours, presentations, and door prizes throughout the day! The Di miia Career Fair is an effective and inexpensive opportunity for recruiters to meet qualified applicants. Last year we had over 30 employers participate in the Di miia Career Fair offering full-time employment, internships, summer and part-time job opportunities, as well as volunteer positions.

MSU AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION SET SEPT. 26

Montana State University will celebrate MSU American Indian Heritage Day with a variety of campus activities scheduled from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, on MSU's Centennial Mall.

For more information, contact Jim Burns at jburns@montana.edu or Jioanna Carjuzaa at carjuzaa@montana.edu.

HEALTHY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT: KEY IMPACTS & INTERVENTIONS

**October 22-24, 2008
Eugene, Oregon**

This regional conference will provide cutting-edge research, prevention strategies and intervention techniques to maximize child brain development.

For more information, contact:
Sandy Moses
Conference Coordinator
541.682.3650
Sandy.Moses@co.lane.or.us

RURAL DYNAMICS INCORPORATED EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDA Fall Training Conference
Laramie, Sep 23-24

SBA 2008 Lenders Conference
Polson, Sep 24-25

**Montana Healthcare Association
Annual Convention**
Billings, MT - Sep 24-26

Montana Mainstreet Conference
Butte, Sep 29-30

**"The High Cost Of Fuel: Implications
For Transportation Planning,
Management And Policy In
Montana."**
Billings, MT - Oct 1-2

USA/Canada Economic Summit
Grand Forks, Oct 6-7

**Terrestrial Offset Carbon
Sequestration Conference**
Bozeman, MT - Oct 20

Helping Small Towns Succeed
Billings, Oct 21-23

South Dakota Innovation Expo
Sioux Falls, SD - Oct 22

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

INDIAN EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Indian Education Division is requesting proposals for Professional Development grants from school districts that have not previously received a Ready-to-Go grant. Applications are due October 12, 2008 but will be accepted if postmarked October 14, 2008.

For more information, contact:
Teresa Veltkamp, Indian Education
Montana Office of Public Instruction
(406)444-0726
tveltkamp@mt.gov

INTERCULTURAL HARMONY PROGRAM

THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND would like to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between groups and citizens of different cultural backgrounds within defined geographical areas through collaborative, cross-cultural projects. Projects must be inter-cultural, rather than focused on just one culture.

To apply for a grant under the Intercultural Harmony Program: Please construct your application in the following format, and include cover sheet when you submit it. The proposal body can be no more than 5 pages. Complete proposal packets must be received in the Musser Fund office by **October 1, 2008**. Funding decisions will be announced in February, 2009.

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANTS

Lowe's will donate \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups - at more than 1,000 different public schools per school year.

Raise up to \$5000 for your school in minutes!

It's almost that easy when you take advantage of Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and we're dedicated to helping your parent-teacher group achieve even more for your school. Apply for our Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's.

**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE AND
TRAINING SUPPORT IN INDIAN
COUNTRY GRANT**

Environmental Protection Agency

To promote the prevention of releases from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) in Indian country and the compliance of UST facilities in Indian country with federal regulations. Funding under this announcement shall be used for activities that support UST compliance in Indian country through education for owners and operators, training opportunities for tribal government personnel, and tribal UST compliance program development and collaboration.

The goals of this cooperative agreement are to provide tribal governments and UST facilities in Indian country with training, compliance assistance, and collaborative opportunities.

**HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships

Closing Date: November 14, 2008

Eligible applicants are schools of nursing, academic health centers, and other private or public entities that provide registered nurses with full-time Master's degree nurse anesthesia programs accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. Eligible applicants are schools of nursing, academic health centers, and other private or public entities that provide registered nurses with full-time Master's degree nurse anesthesia programs accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

**NPI ACCEPTING GRANT
APPLICATIONS**

In partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, we are developing regional capacity and partnerships by providing grant money to organizations whose mission and program activities share and reflect the values of the Northern Plains Initiative (NPI).

The goal of our partnerships is to provide opportunities for further program and policy development with Rural Dynamics and the other partner organizations thereby building a collaborative network of entities whose work promotes our collective mission and vision.

Applications are due by October 3rd, 2008

[Click Here to Apply.](#)